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DOJ,

I am shocked at the total lack of thought that went into this settlement- or maybe the Bush administration is further securing its role as corporate thug-thereby securing more millions for the next election.

Regardless, Microsoft has escaped justice again. They will parlay this into more abuses which hurt our economy and stifle competition. They are not innovators they are thieves. Its only legal 'cause they are getting away with it.

I don't believe Microsoft should be broken up creating more monsters. I believe that a substantial portion of Microsoft's assets should be seized and a sizable portion of Microsoft's future income should be ear-marked for a multi-billion dollar pool of money to re-finance businesses that Microsoft has put out of business, help restore the lives of those devastated by their anti-competitive practices and restore the competitive balance in the computer industry. Microsoft uses these practices across almost every related industry. Gates, Balmer, etc. should be left with money but they should be required to work and maintain profitability in order to fund the pool of money under threat of criminal charges against them for racketeering. This case is only the weakest of the allegations against them. That is the appropriate remedy-make them finance the competition they have sought to squash.

While certainly my business is adversely affected by Microsoft (lack of OS security, dirty tricks with their servers, email viruses, on and on)-I would not be claiming any of this pool so it is not self interest that I suggest this solution.

And now, I hear that they are again attempting to escape private class action suits against them by further artificially securing market sector in education. They are laughing at you-again.

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